

The Listening Post

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10² Club Grows in Kentucky



In the past year, the Talking Book Library has inducted four new members into the Kentucky chapter of the 10² Club, which honors patrons nationwide who are age 100 or older and still reading. Each new member receives a certificate from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (NLS), as well as a commemorative pin. When possible, staff from the Department for Libraries & Archives visit new 10² members.

Pauline Callarman was inducted on March 16, 2007, making her the 5th Kentuckian to earn the distinction. Over 60 people attended a celebration for her 100th birthday at the Active Day Center in Somerset; she was named both a

Kentucky Colonel and a Pulaski County Colonel, and she received a citation from the House of Representatives by Rep. Danny Ford. A native of Kansas, Mrs. Callarman has fostered a love for reading since her father encouraged her and her sisters to join the local literary club, where members took turns reading aloud and reciting poetry. At one time, she even volunteered at the Altoona Public Library in Kansas. She began the Talking Book service six years ago while taking a history course for seniors in Illinois. She has continued using Talking Books in Kentucky, mainly listening to books about farm life that remind her of her childhood. Her favorite book is Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch by Alice Hegan Rice.



Mary Shaw of Clinton was the sixth Kentuckian to join the 10² Club, her induction taking place on August 17, 2007. Mrs. Shaw, a former elementary school teacher, lives at the Clinton-Hickman ICF where she continues to cultivate her lifelong passion for learning. The number of books she has read testifies to her passion. Since 2001, Mrs. Shaw has read over 1,100 books, and it is estimated that she has read twice that many since 1996, when she first became a Talking Book patron. Her favorite genres include Christian fiction, mysteries, westerns, historical novels, family stories, and Kentucky books, and her favorite authors are Janette Oke and Gilbert Morris.

James Buchanan of Bowling Green was inducted on

October 4, 2007. Mr. Buchanan only recently began receiving Talking Books, but he has been an avid reader since childhood and enjoys reading about Kentucky and show business. During a ceremony at the Bowling Green Retirement Village where he lives, he related stories about his long career as an entertainer, which he chronicled in his self-published autobiography, The Original Goober: The Life and Times of James G. Buchanan. Mr. Buchanan was known professionally as 'Goober, the Favorite Nut of the South', and he toured in vaudeville and tent shows as a musician, comedian, and storyteller, often with his wife Lila Mae. He also knew many famous entertainers, including Porter Wagoner and Hank Williams, Jr.



Kentucky's 8th 10² member is Nell Gaddie of Bowling Green, inducted in November 2007. Mrs. Gaddie was not up to a visit, but she received her pin and certificate from NLS. She has been a Talking Books reader for eight years and enjoys Christian fiction.

KTBL would like to offer congratulations and thanks to all Kentucky chapter 10² members. Your dedication to and love for reading is an inspiration to us all.

Digital Talking Books Update

The National Library Service is in the midst of conducting a download pilot program for readers to test Digital Talking Books (DTB). It is now open to all Talking Book readers who have high-speed internet access and compatible digital players. This program is called BARD, which stands for Braille and Audio Reading Download. Talking Book Libraries won't receive their first digital players until late 2008, and the full conversion to digital format will take several years.

If you cannot wait to get an NLS machine, you can buy a DTB player from a commercial source and use it to download digital Talking Books. Currently the only player on the market that will be compatible with the NLS flash cartridges is the VictorReader Stream from the company Human Ware, which sells for \$329. For more information on the VictorReader Stream, please consult the Human Ware website: <http://www.humanware.com>.

Once you have your own DTB player, you can apply for the BARD program at <http://www.nlstalkingbooks.org/dtb>.

KTBL would like to remind its readers that our cassette players will still be in use for years to come. Most of the collection of older books and all of the magazine titles will be available only on cassette for the foreseeable future. Therefore, even if you receive a digital player next year, you will need to keep your cassette player, as well. Look for more updates on the conversion to digital players in future editions of The Listening Post and Talking Book Topics. For more information, please call your librarian at 1-800-372-2968.

Donations

KTBL would like to thank the following people for making donations to our library. Your generosity makes our programs possible and is greatly appreciated by both staff and readers.

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Lincoln Bicentennial

From 2008 to 2010, America will celebrate the life of its 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, with a series of events in KY and nationwide. President Lincoln was born February 12, 1809, in Hardin County, Kentucky, where he lived until age 8. He served in the Illinois legislature for several years before running for U.S. Senate. Though he lost that campaign, he gained a national reputation that led to his nomination as the Republican candidate in the 1860 Presidential election, which he later won. He guided the nation through the Civil War and the abolition of slavery, but his second term as president was cut short when he was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865.

The national kick-off for the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commemoration will take place on February 12, 2008 in Hodgenville, Ky. The guest list for the event, which is free and open to the public, includes President George W. Bush, Kentucky Governor Steven L. Beshear, Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Doris Kearns Goodwin, and *Law & Order* actor Sam Waterston. The program will feature music by the American Spiritual Ensemble and Saxon's Cornet Band; the debut of the Kentucky Historical Society's HistoryMobile on Lincoln; and a celebration of all the Lincoln sites in Kentucky. The event site will open to the public at 7:00 a.m. EDT, and the program will begin at 10:30 a.m. EDT. Bus transportation will be provided. For a full listing of Lincoln events in KY, please consult the official website: <http://www.kylincoln.org>.

If you are interested in reading about Abraham Lincoln, please choose from a selection of our many titles on the inside back page of the newsletter, or call your librarian at 1-800-372-2968.

Materials Available through Overdrive

Overdrive is a new library service that makes free digital materials available to registered users of some Kentucky public libraries. The selections include audiobooks, e-books, films, and music which may be used on your home computer or transported to portable devices such as iPods and e-book readers for a short time. To search the Overdrive catalog, go to <http://www.kyunbound.lib.overdrive.com> or click the link from your participating public library's homepage. Overdrive does not have the full range of titles available through KTBL, but it may have some newer titles we do not. Users must have high-speed internet access at their homes to download the materials.

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Jessamine, Laurel, Logan, Madison, McCracken, Oldham, Pike, Pulaski, Scott,
Shelby, and Woodford. If you live in one of these counties and would like to
access materials from Overdrive using your personal computer, please contact
your local public librarian for more information.

Dates to Remember

KTBL will be closed on the following days:

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 21, 2008

Good Friday – Friday, March 21, 2008 (close at 1:00 p.m. EDT)

If you call during regular work hours and get a recorded greeting, it means our
staff is busy with other readers, or we are in a meeting. Please leave a message
and we will return your call as soon as possible.

New Films Added to Our Collection

KTBL continues to expand its descriptive film offerings with 28 new titles. DVS
indicates a descriptive video title; DVD indicates a descriptive DVD. If you would
like to add these titles or others to your list, please call Greta Wise at 1-800-372-
2968. Please remember that both DVS and DVD titles are on loan for a period of
two weeks. Our films are paid for by donations; we have only one copy of each,
and they cannot be replaced.

DVS-00124 Eight Below
DVS-00125 Chicken Little
DVD-00126 The Miracle of the Cards
DVD-00127 Bollywood/Hollywood
DVD-00128 Three Came Home
DVD-00129 Quill
DVD-00130 The Scarlet Pimpernel
DVD-00131 My Dear Secretary
DVD-00132 That Uncertain Feeling
DVD-00133 Sabotage
DVD-00134 And Then There Were None
DVD-00135 Goodbye, Mr. Chips
DVD-00136 Oliver Twist
DVD-00137 The Prince & the Pauper

DVD-00138 David Copperfield
DVD-00139 Rain
DVD-00140 Detour
DVD-00141 The Company of Strangers
DVD-00142 Haley and Madonna
DVD-00143 Becky Sharp
DVD-00144 The Capture
DVD-00145 Our Town
DVD-00146 Abilene Town
DVD-00147 Vengeance Valley
DVD-00148 One-Eyed Jacks
DVD-00149 Message to My Daughter
DVD-00150 Andy Griffith Show: Vol. 1
DVD-00151 Andy Griffith Show: Vol. 2

Important Items to Remember

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Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. EDT

You may leave a voice mail message after hours.

We want you to enjoy Talking Books. Your librarian will tailor your service to suit your needs. She will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Please do not hesitate to call us for any of the following:

- **to make book requests**
- **with any questions or problems**
- **whenever your name, address, or telephone number changes**
- **to temporarily stop service**
- **if you want to change the types of books you get, or the number of books you receive**
- **when you have problems with books or machines**
- **if you want to change the format of your newsletters or catalogs**
- **to cancel your service**

Include your name, address, and telephone number on all correspondence, request lists, e-mails, and telephone messages. We frequently receive request lists with no name and no way to identify the sender.

Please return each book as soon as you finish it. The maximum loan period is 30 days.

Kentucky magazines and the cassette version of *The Listening Post* must be returned to KTBL within 30 days. Keeping the magazine or newsletter longer may prevent you from receiving future issues.

Remember to rewind all movies and cassette tapes before returning them.

Mark an "X" on the mail card of any defective book. Do not mark on the cassette.

Take care of all cassette books, Braille books, and cassette players; keep them free of food, liquids, dust, and debris.

Please keep this list for future reference.

Order Kentucky Books and Lincoln Books

KTBL Librarian Jenny Paul has chosen some forgotten gems of Kentucky fiction you might enjoy. She has also listed a few books on Abraham Lincoln, but we have many more to choose from.

Read the Janice Holt Giles classic, Hannah Fowler, RC 17383. Raised in the wilderness by her father, Hannah knew she would be a good wife to Tice Fowler on the Kentucky frontier. Not even Hannah, though, expected to be attacked by starving wolves, frozen in blizzards, burned out of her home, and taken by Indians. Next try Johnny Osage, KY 01852, the tale of Hannah Fowler's son who moves west, runs a trading post, and earns the nickname "Osage".

Are you in the mood for an inspirational story set in the Appalachian Mountains? If so, try Mr. Gallion's School, KY 01344 by Jesse Stuart. Based on the author's own experiences, this novel tells the story of a principal who tames an unruly mountain high school.

For an historic story set during the Civil War, try Wilderness: A Tale of Civil War, KY 01291, by Robert Penn Warren. In this story a Bavarian Jew leaves Europe and travels to America to join the Union Army during the Civil War.

Kentucky Titles:

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- ☐ KY 01852 – Johnny Osage by Janice Holt Giles
- ☐ KY 01344 – Mr. Gallion's School by Jesse Stuart
- ☐ KY 01291 – Wilderness: A Tale of Civil War by Robert Penn Warren

A Few of Our Abraham Lincoln Titles

- ☐ RC 44059 – Lincoln by David Herbert Donald. A psychological analysis of Lincoln's background and presidency.
- ☐ RC 61162 – Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin. Bestseller about Lincoln's political acumen written by a Pulitzer Prize-winner.
- ☐ KY 02605 – Lincoln of Kentucky by Lowell H. Harrison. Explores Abraham Lincoln's Kentucky roots, and how the state influenced his beliefs.
- ☐ RC 30116 – Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States by Rebecca Stefoff. A biography for readers grades 5-8 and older.

If you would like to add any of these titles to your request list, please call your librarian at 1-800-372-2968, or check the boxes at the bottom of the page and mail the sheet to our address: Kentucky Talking Book Library, P.O. Box 537, Frankfort, KY 40602-0537.



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